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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EFIN, PO  
SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL

REF: STATE 88960

1. SUMMARY. JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY NON-COMMITAL  
ON REQUEST FOR AID FOR PORTUGAL BUT PROMISED  
REVIVE JAPANESE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS ON THIS ISSUE.  
JAPANESE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER GERMANS FULLY  
SUPPORT PRESENT APPROACH AND WHAT ARE OUR IDEAS ON  
TIMING, ESPECIALLY WHETHER ISSUE TO BE ON AGENDA FOR  
LONDON SUMMIT. END SUMMARY.

2. AT REQUEST OF FOREIGN MINISTER HATOYAMA, WHO WAS  
PREOCCUPIED WITH DIET DISCUSSIONS, DIRECTOR GENERAL  
OF EUROPEAN AFFAIRS DIVISION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY  
MIYAZAWA SAW E/C MINISTER APRIL 22 TO RECEIVE OUR  
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REQUEST FOR GOJ SUPPORT FOR LENDING ARRANGEMENT  
FOR PORTUGAL.

3. MIYAZAWA WAS NON-COMMITAL ABOUT POSSIBLE JAPANESE  
RESPONSE BUT WAS HAPPY THAT WE PLANNED ALSO APPROACH  
FINANCE MINISTRY WHICH HE SAID WOULD HAVE KEY VOICE  
IN DECISION. HE PROMISED START JAPANESE DECISION-

MAKING PROCESS AGAIN. HE RAISED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. DOES U.S. HOPE FOR RESPONSES PRIOR TO LONDON SUMMIT? E/C MINISTER REPLIED THAT THIS LOOKED LIKE KIND OF ISSUE THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO RESOLVE BEFORE SUMMIT SO AS NOT TO CLOG AGENDA.

B. HAS PRESENT PROPOSAL BEEN WORKED OUT WITH GERMANS AND DO THEY SUPPORT IT IN PRESENT FORM? WE REPLIED THAT WE UNDERSTOOD CONVERSATIONS HAD BEEN IN PROGRESS WITH GERMANS AND WE ASSUMED THEIR VIEWS WERE REFLECTED.

C. WHAT IS U.S. ASSESSMENT OF VIABILITY OF PORTUGUESE ECONOMY AND ABILITY TO REPAY SUCH MEDIUM--TERM ASSISTANCE? WE REPLIED THAT ASSISTANCE WAS CLEARLY BEING REQUESTED IN ORDER PUT PORTUGAL IN POSITION TO SERVICE ITS DEBT IN FUTURE.

4. WE WILL BE SEEING FINANCE MINISTRY APRIL 25 AND WILL REPORT THEIR REACTION.

5. WE HAVE COORDINATED APPROACH WITH PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR WHO ALSO MET MIYAZAWA AND IS SEEKING APPOINTMENT AT FOREIGN AND FINANCE MINISTRIES.

6. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN ADVANCING JAPANESE DECISION MAKING PROCESS IF WE COULD HAVE FURTHER REPLIES TO THEIR QUESTIONS IN PARA 3, ESPECIALLY A AND B.

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